

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1858. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1858.

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An Act to encourage the destruction of Wolves in this Province. Passed 6th April 1858.

Section.

1. Bounty for each Wolf killed.
2. Money where with to pay, to be lodged with Clerks of the Peace.
3. Proceedings to obtain the bounty.

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4. Clerks to pay on presentation of documents.
5. Attested accounts to be rendered.
6. Limitation of Act.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. From and after the passing of this Act, a reward of fifteen shillings shall be paid to any inhabitant or inhabitants of this Province, for each and every Wolf such inhabitant or inhabitants shall kill or destroy within the limit of the same.
2. It shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, on application of any of the several Clerks of the Peace of the respective Counties in this Province, to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the Province, directing him, or any of his Deputies, to pay over to such Clerk of the Peace, out of any moneys in the hands of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, such sum of money not exceeding ten pounds at any one time, as to His Excellency in Council may seem meet, to be applied by such Clerk of the Peace, and accounted for by him in manner hereinafter provided.
3. To entitle any person to the Bounty mentioned in the first Section of this Act, he shall bring the skin of every Wolf, for the killing of which the bounty is claimed, to any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace residing in the vicinity or nearest to the place where the said Wolf has been killed, and shall take and subscribe the following Oath, that is to say:—

I (or we) do swear that I (or we) did on the ____ day of _____ kill (or assist to kill) a Wolf (or _____ Wolves) at [describe the place as near as may be] in the Province of New Brunswick, and that the skin now produced is the skin (or skins) of the Wolf (or Wolves) so killed, for which the bounty granted by law is claimed, and that no other person has received the bounty for the same.

A. B.

Sworn to at _____ in the County of _____ this ____ day of _____ A. D. 18____
before me, C. D., J. P.

I hereby certify that I believe the facts stated in the above affidavit to be true, and that I have cut off the nose of the Wolf (or Wolves) so killed, and destroyed the same.

C. D., J. P.

Which Oath such Justice is authorized and required to administer without fee, and to cut off the nose of the Wolf or Wolves so killed from the skin so produced before him, and burn or destroy the same, and shall also certify under his hand at the foot of such affidavit, that he believes the statement therein made to be true, and that he has cut off and destroyed the said nose so produced, and shall then deliver the said affidavit and certificate to the deponent or deponents.

4. It shall and may be lawful for the several Clerks of the Peace within their respective Counties, and they are hereby required on presentation of any such affidavit or affidavits, with certificate or certificates as aforesaid to any of them respectively, forthwith and without any fee, reward, deduction, or abatement whatsoever, to pay over to the deponent or deponents, or his or their order, out of the moneys in the hands of the said Clerks of the Peace by virtue of the Warrant in the second Section of this Act mentioned, the sum of fifteen shillings for each and every Wolf so proved to have been killed as aforesaid, for which the said deponent or deponents, or person receiving the same, shall thereupon give the Clerk of the Peace paying the same, a receipt or acquittance.

5. It shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Clerks of the Peace, who make application for and receive a Warrant or Warrants on the Treasury under the provisions of this Act, and they are hereby required on or before the first day of October in each and every year, to make up and transmit to the Office of the Secretary of the Province, a statement in writing, signed by such Clerk of the Peace, and sworn to before any Justice of the Peace of this Province, who is hereby authorized to administer such oath, crediting the Province with the amount of moneys by him received by virtue of any such Warrant, and specifying by names the several parties to whom he may have paid bounties during the preceding year, and the amount paid to each, accompanied with the vouchers and receipts for the same; which schedule, vouchers, and receipts shall be laid before the House of Assembly at its then next sitting.

6. This Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two.